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Supervisor Biane, School Partner on Community Playground in Devore

SAN BERNARDINO - Kimbark Elementary School and Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane are teaming up to create a community playground that will serve students as well as residents in the unincorporated community of Devore.

A contract approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday calls for the County to contribute \$50,000 toward the construction of the Devore Community Playground at Kimbark Elementary School, located at 18021 Kimbark Ave. in Devore. In return, the San Bernardino City Unified School District will contribute about \$2,000 toward the project and will construct and maintain the playground.

Once constructed, the Devore Community Playground will be open to all residents after 6 p.m. on weekdays when school is in session and all day on weekends, holidays and other times when school is not in session.

"I'm just ecstatic because our students are so excited about having a new playground," Kimbark Elementary School Principal Karen Hoag said.

Hoag sparked the idea for the playground partnership during a conversation with a representative from Supervisor Biane's office. The Supervisor saw value in teaming up with the school to build the playground and secured funding for it in the 2006-07 budget.

"By combining resources, we're creating a fantastic new playground the entire Devore community can enjoy for years," Biane said. "The shared-use playground will also help strengthen community bonds by bringing residents together at their local elementary school."

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